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Mr. Walter E. Greunen The Mirisch Company, Inc. 1041 North Formosa Hollywood 46, California

Dear Mr. Grauman:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to thank you very mich for your letter of 7 September advising that your somemy contemplates a television series on espionage and counterespionage, fictitious in nature, but with an authentic flavor based on some 0.5.8. experiences of World War II.

While the Central Intelligence Agency is the custodian of some of the 0.8.8. files, those in our possession are classified and are not now available for public use. There have been many requests similar to yours in the past and regretfully in each instance we have had to reply in the negative.

Thank you, however, for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Graumans

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 1960 informing me that the Mirisch company contemplates a television series on espionage and counter-espionage, fictitious in nature, but with an authentic flavor based on some OSS experiences of World War II.

The Central Intelligence Agency is the custodian of some of the GSS files but those in our possession are all classified and may not be made available in whole or part for such a series as you contemplate. There have been many requests similar to yours in the past and regretfully in each instance is have replied that we may not be helpful.

Thank you, however, for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

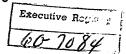
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September 7, 1960

Mr. Allen Dulles
Director of the Central
Intelligence Agency
2430 E. Street
N.W. Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Mirisch Company is contemplating the production of a television series whose basic format concerns espionage and counter-espionage activities such as the former Office of Strategic Services might have been involved in during the years prior to and including World War II. The series is to be fictitious, however it will be portrayed realistically and is to be documented with an authentic flavor so as to give the impression of reality. The incidents portrayed will not concern themselves with any occurrences after the cessation of hostilities of World War II.

We wish to enlist the aid of your Department, if possible, in assembling authentic material
concerning the exploits of the men and women employed
by the OSS during World War II. The series will not
only reflect credit on the OSS and its members, but
will serve the function of bringing back to the public memory the heroic deeds in which the OSS involved
itself in the defense of our nation.

Any assistance which you might be able to provide us along these lines will be sincerely appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E. Grauman

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